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# Memorandum



**Date:** November 9, 2007  
**To:** Honorable Joe A. Martinez, Chair  
and Members, Budget and Finance Committee  
**From:** Joe I. Rasco  
Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs   
**Subject:** Proposed 2008 State and Federal Legislative Package

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Transmitted herewith is the Miami-Dade County 2008 Preliminary State and Federal Legislative Priorities package for your consideration. Additional individual meetings with Commissioners will be scheduled to review the final legislative package.

## **BACKGROUND**

On November 8, 2007, our offices held a final meeting to review the legislative requests submitted by County departments. The County Manager has approved the requests herein from all the departments. The proposed 2008 state and federal package, including priorities, is provided hereto as an attachment.



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**DRAFT CRITICAL PRIORITIES**

**Airport EDS Baggage Integration:** SUPPORT a minimum of \$20 million for additional Other Transaction Agreement (OTA) discretionary funding to reimburse MDAD for terminal modifications required to integrate explosive detection systems (EDS) in-line with Miami International Airport's (MIA) baggage handling systems in the South and North terminals.

**Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Food and Drug Administration and Cargo Staffing at Miami International Airport (MIA):** ADVOCATE for adequate Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Food and Drug Administration staffing levels at security checkpoints, baggage screening operations and federal inspection stations at MIA to ensure that neither processing times nor security are compromised. Ensure cargo and passenger federal inspections at MIA are both adequate and meet expanding growth of international trade and passenger traffic.

**Non-Domestic Sand Sources and Beach Erosion Control:** ADVOCATE for alternative sand sources for beach renourishment and work to improve funding for the effects of natural erosion on our beaches.



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**DRAFT CRITICAL APPROPRIATIONS**

**Miami River Dredging:** SUPPORT a \$13 million funding request for the final phase of the Miami River Dredging Project to restore authorized depth and width to the navigation channel.

**Miami Harbor Phase III Dredging:** SUPPORT a \$2 million funding request for a Miami Harbor Channel General Reevaluation Report Implementation, Plans and Specifications for the first phase of implementation which includes the design, preparation of plans and specifications for bidding. Also seeking an additional source of PED funds through utilizing the funds that will be restored to the project, once the Port of Miami reimburses the Army Corps for its share of the costs of the General Reevaluation Report (GRR).

**Metrorail Orange Line Expansion - North Corridor:** SUPPORT a \$100 million funding request to be used for right-a-way acquisition along corridors and design to be appropriated through full funding agreement.

**Metrorail Orange Line Expansion – East/West Corridor:** SUPPORT \$5 million funding request for Phase 3 preliminary engineering on the Miami-Dade County East-West Corridor Rapid Transit Project.

**Water Reuse:** SUPPORT a \$6.25 million funding request to be used for a pipeline project in South Dade.



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**Alphabetically by department, then prioritized**

**AGRICULTURE**

**Farm Bill Reauthorization:** SUPPORT changes to the farm bill that provides programmatic support and recognizes the needs of specialty crops grown in areas of South Miami-Dade and similar climates. The current farm bill is geared toward traditional program crops, such as grain and cattle. The nursery business has surpassed citrus as the number one cash crop in Florida. SUPPORT working with the State Department of Agriculture, the United States Department of Agriculture, as well as farm groups from states with similar concerns to ensure that new provisions are included in any future farm bill that recognizes the needs of nursery, tropical fish, and tropical fruit industries.

**Tree Canopy:** SUPPORT federal programs and incentives for tree planting. In 1996, Miami-Dade County was found to have only had a 10% tree cover, while 30% was the average in American cities and with the extensive damage having occurred after Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma in 2005, federal funding for tree planting that includes soil conservation, beautification, cooling, and reforestation is needed. Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation and the Community Image Manager both support this request.

**AVIATION**

**Airport EDS Baggage Integration:** SUPPORT a minimum of \$20 million for additional (Other Transaction Agreement - OTA) discretionary funding to reimburse MDAD for terminal modifications required to integrate explosive detection systems (EDS) in-line with Miami International Airport's (MIA) baggage handling systems in the South and North terminals. Congress has directed TSA to move all EDS in-line with airport baggage sorting systems but, to date; MIA has received only \$20 million in (OTA) funds. TSA has indicated that they will not be issuing letters of intent (LOI's) for this purpose until further notice, despite the fact that the federal government has mandated the installation of EDS in-line baggage systems. MDAD is responsible for the required local match of 25%. SUPPORT S. 509, Aviation Security Improvement Act, introduced by Senator Inouye, which restores the Letter of Intent Program for EDS in-line projects and provides mandatory spending for same.

**Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Food and Drug Administration and Cargo Staffing at Miami International Airport (MIA):** ADVOCATE for adequate Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Food and Drug Administration staffing levels at security checkpoints, baggage screening operations and federal inspection stations at MIA to ensure that neither processing times nor security are compromised. Ensure cargo and passenger federal inspections at MIA are both adequate and meet expanding growth of international trade and passenger traffic.

**Extension of Runway 9R/27 at Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport:** SUPPORT efforts to secure discretionary funding for the extension of the runway at the Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport. The runway will be extended 550 feet at the east (27L) end and 1,798 feet at the west (9R) end. The proposed increase in runway length will allow aircrafts to increase their fuel and/or cargo load and allow them to arrive at destinations and markets that are currently unattainable without first having to land and refuel at other airports. This improvement would give pilots greater flexibility in meeting their stage length and payload requirements and allow for the accommodation of nearly 100 percent of midsize jet aircraft under wet runway conditions.

**Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization:** SUPPORT industry (AAAE, ACI-NA, FAC) goals for program funding levels and agency reorganization in new FAA reauthorization legislation. *VISION – 100*, the current FAA authorization legislation (P.L. 108-179), included \$3.7 billion for AIP and \$3.11 billion for Facilities and Equipment for FY 2007. In *Vision – 100*, the AIP account was increased \$100 million each year during the four-year authorization period. These programs fund critical capital and safety investments at airports nationwide. In 2006, MDAD received approximately \$18 million in entitlement and discretionary funding from FAA. SUPPORT FAA's Contract Tower Program and the Airport Cooperative Research Program. The current authorization runs through FY 2007.

## **CHILD ADVOCATE**

**SCHIP:** *ADVOCATE for the reauthorization SCHIP or similar legislation that would increase funding by \$50B for more children to receive health coverage. SCHIP has helped to provide affordable health care to low-income families unable to access or afford private health insurance for their children. The program has been extremely successful in reducing the number of uninsured children and in producing a number of well-documented health outcomes. However, 9 million children remain uninsured in the United States, 750,000 of who are in the State of Florida. (Approx. 110,000 are in Miami-Dade County). This additional funding would cover pregnant women, children of legal immigrants and additional families living in poverty (the working poor).*

## **COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY & HUMAN SERVICES**

**Head Start Program Reauthorization:** SUPPORT changes in the reauthorization of the Head Start Program that will benefit children and families in Miami-Dade County that depend on the programs and services Head Start provides to needy families throughout the region. These changes include ADVOCATING for the restoration of the full participation of parents in the shared decision-making process; establishing provisions for additional funding for the Head Start teachers as compensation for increased educational requirements; halting of the National Reporting System for testing of young children until a valid test is developed; elimination of legislative language advocating the re-competition of the Head Start grants and OPPOSING efforts changing the funding mechanism for Head Start/Early Head from direct funding by the Department of Health and Human Services to Block Grant funding by the state.

**Community Services Block Grant (CSBG):** ADVOCATE for increase CSBG funding in FY08-09. Previously the Administration proposed reducing CSBG funds which would ultimately result in a reduction of the State of Florida's overall allocation of CSBG funds, thereby lowering the amount of dollars allocated to Miami-Dade County. Increasing funding in the reauthorization supports the Community Action Agency (CAA) in expanding services to low-income families transitioning from public assistance. ADVOCATE changes in the national formula used for funding to States whose recipients are primarily Community Action Agencies. The unemployed, working poor, and families of Reservists called to extended duty are also receiving help from Community Action Agencies to make ends meet.

## **OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (OCED)**

**Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)** – ADVOCATE preserving the Community Development Block Grant Program within the Department of Housing and Urban Development and maintaining or increasing current levels of funding. The CDBG program's primary objective is to assist in the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and to expand economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. Miami-Dade County allocates \$22 million annually to fund a wide variety of CDBG eligible programs, projects and activities that address the needs of underdeveloped and underserved areas, and which are targeted to meet the needs of very low and moderate income persons.

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD**

### **Immigration:**

- SUPPORT the Dream Act which permits some immigrant students who have grown up in the US to apply for temporary legal status and eventually obtain permanent status.
- OPPOSE federal provisions that discourage States from providing in-state tuition without regard to immigration status.
- ADVOCATE for extension of the authorization of Federal reimbursement for hospitals that provide emergency care to undocumented immigrants.
- OPPOSE the criminalization of immigrants by supporting enforcement that is realistic and enforceable. Combine effective and humane enforcement with wider legal channels for those seeking to enter the United States.
- SUPPORT legislation that would create a worker visa program that adequately protects the wages and working conditions of U.S. and immigrant workers.
- SUPPORT legislation that would provide opportunities for immigrants currently living in the US, who want to settle in the US, to apply for permanent residence and citizenship with the ability to keep their nuclear families intact.
- SUPPORT federal funding for resettlement of refugees.

**Haitian Refugee Fairness Act (HRIFA):** SUPPORT passage of the Haitian Refugee Immigrant Fairness Act (HIRIFA) fix-it bill. The Act would remedy two flaws in the Haitian Refugee Immigrant Fairness Act of 1998 (HRIFA): (1) its exclusion of otherwise eligible "airplane refugees"; and (2) the "aging out" of the children of HRIFA applicants. The original HRIFA Bill allowed Haitian refugees to apply for legal permanent resident status if they had arrived in the United States before 1996. The proposed "fix-it Bill" would permit adjustment of the status of Haitian "airplane refugees" who would otherwise have been eligible for legal permanent status under HRIFA. The Bill also permits the children of successful applicants to adjust their status despite long delays in processing their parents' HRIFA applications. The Act would freeze the applicant's age as of the filing date of the parent's application.

**Temporary Protective Status:** URGE the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security to grant temporary protected status to Haitians, Central Americans and other nationals living in the U.S. and URGING the U.S. Congress to support such effort. The ongoing political instability occurring in Haiti and other countries poses a serious threat to the personal safety of the millions of immigrants. While Section 244 of the Immigration Act of 1990, P.L. 101-649, establishes a procedure by which Temporary Protected Status (TPS) may be provided to aliens in the United States who are temporarily unable to safely return to their home country because of ongoing armed conflict, an environmental disaster, or other extraordinary and temporary conditions; Haiti itself previously designated for TPS in 1998, status has since expired. During the period for which a country has been designated for TPS, beneficiaries may remain in the U.S. and obtain work authorization, but it does not lead to permanent resident status.

## **CONSUMER SERVICES**

**Telecommunications:** MONITOR legislation that would have an effect on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Telecommunications Act, specifically bills that contain language that preempt federal/state/ local government's ability to consider consumer protection issues and customer service laws.

**Regulated Industries:** MONITOR legislation that affects the following County regulated industries: motor vehicle repair; moving; locksmith; wrecker; vehicle immobilization; motor vehicle title loan and general consumer protection; and, for-hire transportation vehicles, including taxicabs, limousines and ambulance service.

**Cable Television:** MONITOR any legislation relating to cable television and telecommunication companies' use of Rights-of-Way.

**Mandatory Binding Arbitration:** OPPOSE pre-dispute mandatory binding arbitration that is often buried within many consumer contracts for credit cards, homebuilding contracts and car purchases. SUPPORT The Arbitration Fairness Act of 2007 or similar legislation that bans this unfair practice and restores the right of consumers to seek justice through the courts.

## **CORRECTIONS**

**SCAAP Funding:** ADVOCATE for increase funding to the State Criminal Alien Program (SCAAP) to fully reimburse local costs for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens, or maintain previous funding levels as authorized by the State Criminal Alien Program Reauthorization Act of 2005.

**Offender Re-Entry:** SUPPORT legislation that would reauthorize the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 or similar legislation such as the Second Chance Act of 2007. The new Act would provide for funding for grants to assist programs that offer support to offenders for reentry into the community.

**Medicaid Coverage:** SUPPORT legislation that would assist Miami-Dade County and other counties nationwide in recouping costs for pre-trial arrestees that have not been convicted for any crimes by the judiciary. This will allow non-convicted individuals to have uninterrupted medical coverage which they have already been determined by Federal agencies to qualify for.



## **ELDERLY SERVICES**

**Older American's Act:** ADVOCATE for the expansion and continued funding to the Older American's Act to include preventive services where by the older adult may remain in their home.

**Social Security Program:** SUPPORT preserving overall Social Security program while ensuring current levels of benefits in the coming future beyond 2032.

## **ELECTIONS**

Monitor H.R. 811, Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2007 the voting rights legislation. Express county positions on legislation and work towards:

- Reconciling any burdensome reporting requirements
- Inclusion of optical scanners.
- Reconciling of Miami-Dade County's trilingual requirements.

## **OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (OEM)**

**Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI):** UASI funding is primarily based on a DHS risk assessment of defined Urban Areas. Urban areas with higher risk have the potential to receive a higher level of funding. ADVOCATE for the UMSA area of Miami-Dade County be considered the primary UASI designated area. ADVOCATE for the City of Miami Gardens to be included in the UASI designation for Miami-Dade County. Currently, the City of Miami Gardens is considered part of the Fort Lauderdale UASI's defined Urban Area. Therefore, the Data Count associated with the geographical area of the City of Miami Gardens is incorporated in the calculation of the Fort Lauderdale UASI's risk assessment. No jurisdiction identified in the Fort Lauderdale UASI's defined Urban Area has direct emergency response authority in the City of Miami Gardens. Miami-Dade County Police and Fire are the first responders for the City of Miami Gardens. The risks associated with the City of Miami Gardens should be included in the risk assessment of the Miami.

**Miami-Dade County Warning Point/Watch Center:** SUPPORT funding to create a Warning Point/Watch Center. This Center will allow for a more centralized source for information collection and dissemination that is truly all hazards. With the creation of a county warning point all hazards such as severe weather alerts from the National Weather Service, Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant notifications, State Warning Point Advisories, and incoming information from the 35 municipalities can be shared through one access point.

## **ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

**EEBG:** SUPPORT a \$10 billion energy efficiency block grant (EEBG) program, modeled after the hugely successful HUD Community Development Block Grant Program. The EEBG program would provide formula-based grants to counties such as ours to help address the problem of global warming at the local and neighborhood level. EEBG distributes one-time planning grants to local and State governments to support development of an Energy Efficiency and Climate Protection Strategy, with annual grants available upon approval from the Secretary of Energy. According to estimates, this could translate into hundreds of millions of dollars for the State of Florida.

**Chicago Climate Exchange:** SUPPORT on the national level the County's recent membership in the Chicago Climate Exchange. With the application approved, Miami-Dade County will become the first local government in the south to be an Exchange member. The Chicago Climate Exchange is the world's first and North America's only greenhouse gas emission registry, reduction and trading system. Members of the Exchange make a voluntary, but legally binding commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by a set percentage over a specified period of time – essentially offsetting the negative impact each agency makes on the environment. Miami-Dade County's application specifies a six percent reduction in emissions by 2010.

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (DERM)**

**Non-Domestic Sand Sources and Beach Erosion Control:** SUPPORT efforts to work with the Corps of Engineers for alternative sand for beach renourishment and provide storm damage reduction to upland properties and infrastructure. President Bush's 2007 budget zeros out beach renourishment in Florida.

**Biscayne Bay Water Quality Assessment Model:** SUPPORT \$500,000 funding request for a series of predictive numerical models designed to assist resource managers by mimicking the hydrodynamics, water quality and ecology in Biscayne Bay in response to proposed changes in land use and freshwater distribution. This project is an essential element in the development of the integrated area-wide land use and water management plan for the south Miami-Dade County watershed required in the County's Comprehensive Development Master Plan.

**Miami River Dredging:** SUPPORT funding request for the final phase of the Miami River Dredging Project to restore authorized depth and width to the navigation channel.

**Everglades Restoration:** SUPPORT working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District to ensure the full federal funding and complete implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP).

## **HOMELESS AND MEDICAID**

**Camillus House:** SUPPORT a \$3.8 million funding request for Camillus House's new facility. Camillus House must relocate its current main center of operations located at 726 NE 1st Avenue, to a new site able to accommodate larger number of clients in a clean and dignified setting and has negotiated an agreement with the University of Miami, the City of Miami, and the State of Florida, whereby Camillus will attain a 60-year lease on a 3.1 acre plot of land located at NW 7th Avenue and 16th Street.

**Supportive Housing for Homeless:** ADVOCATE for restricted language and change to deed restrictions to allow for the development of an additional 145 units of permanent supportive housing for homeless families on property at Homestead Air Reserve Base. The balance of the property will include a Landscape/Produce Nursery and Farmers Market which will be utilized as a micro enterprise for homeless people residing in any of the housing programs located on the Airbase site. In addition, residential space will include playfields for children living on-site. SUPPORT a \$25 million funding request for the construction of 145 housing units.

**Patient Access to Inpatient Rehabilitation Care:** SUPPORT H.R.1459 / S. 543 or similar legislation to protect patient access to inpatient rehabilitation care. This legislation will preserve patient access by holding the 75% Rule at the current 60% level and continuing the use of comorbidities in determining compliance with the 75% Rule.

## **HOUSING**

**Asset Management and Stop-Loss Concerns for Public Housing:** ADVOCATE to ensure that issues related to the Asset Management program do not become an excuse to make the Stop-Loss provisions of the HUD rule an entitlement. Though the new Operating Subsidy formula and Asset Management were addressed in the same rule, they are unique issues. If Stop-Loss is too easily obtained, it perpetuates the flawed formula that the rule is designed to correct.

**HOPE VI:** ADVOCATE for the reestablishment of an annual allocation of \$525 million for the HOPE VI grant program. Florida has been awarded nearly \$265 million in HOPE VI grants in the past, the only meaningful avenue for the revitalization of Public Housing aging housing stock. There continues to be great needs for this funding across the state and there is a critical need for affordable housing in Miami-Dade County. Additional funds will address that need.

**Housing Operating Subsidies:** ADVOCATE for the full implementation of the new Operating Subsidy for public housing agencies as recommended by the Congressionally-mandated study conducted by Harvard University. This was agreed to by all parties (HUD and PHAs) through the negotiated rulemaking process. Their analysis showed that virtually all of Florida's housing agencies have been under-funded for more than thirty years, currently to more than \$30 million a year, because certain large agencies were unfairly favored under the existing funding formula.

**Rent Reform for Public Housing:** ADVOCATE for the development and implementation of true rent reform for public housing. Housing agencies should be able to set flat or tiered flat rents, with a minimum. Additionally, the legislation should contain new standards that do not penalize tenants for income increases. Current policy provides a disincentive for seeking employment or better employment and due to utility subsidies, often results in agencies writing a check to tenants. The result would be greater local flexibility, greater investment and accountability from tenants as invested stakeholders, and most importantly, substantial savings to the federal government and taxpayers.

**Section 8:** ADVOCATE for the re-examination of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Utilization Review for Florida housing agencies affected by recent hurricanes. Reexamine the effects of the changes to the Housing Choice Voucher formula approved in H.J. Res. 20 that had an unfair and adverse impact on Florida's PHAs whose utilization numbers were skewed by a severe shortage of affordable housing due to recent hurricane activity, lagging and outdated Fair market Rents, and HUD policies, resulting in a loss of \$36 million in subsidy.

**Housing Trust Fund:** SUPPORT H.R.2895 or similar legislation that would establish a National Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families.

## **INTERNATIONAL TRADE /FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

**International Trade Democracy Pilot Program:** SUPPORT a \$500,000 funding request for an International Trade Democracy Pilot Project. This will develop a Trade Democracy Pilot Project for scholars to study and develop a trade platform for their Country and the US.

**Haiti Marshall Plan:** ADVOCATE for legislation that would support a Marshall Plan for the country of Haiti. Haiti has long been the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere even though it lies only six hundred miles from the U.S. and is in need of a Marshall Plan similar to the U.S. plan for rebuilding the war-torn allied countries of Europe after World War II. A Marshall Plan for Haiti could serve to jump start Haiti's economy just as the Marshall Plan did in many regions of Europe leading to several decades of growth and prosperity following World War II.

**Trade Bills:** ADVOCATE for the passing of the Columbia, Panama and Peru Promotion and Trade agreements that would support free trade, especially supporting the Florida markets.

## **JUVENILE, HEALTH, AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Ryan White AIDS Funding:** SUPPORT federal funding increase for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006, Part A of the Act. Miami-Dade County as an intended recipient of funding under Part A of the Act to support the provision of services to HIV positive persons whose incomes are at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), reside in Miami-Dade County, and have no other means of obtaining medical care and treatment as well as supportive services.

**Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) National Demonstration Project:** SUPPORT \$200,000 funding request for the continuation of funding for JAC National Demonstration Project. The Project develops effective assessment tools, interventions and treatments to reduce the number of arrested youth in the system.

**Anti-Gang Legislation** – MONITOR the following anti-gang/gang-prevention legislation:

1. HR 3132 - includes bullying and harassment to the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act.
2. HR 367 -Gang Elimination Act that seeks to eliminate the illegal operations of National Threat Drug Gangs
3. HR 1582 - the Gang Abatement and Prevention Act to prohibit the commission of a gang crime or crime of violence to further the activities of a criminal street gang and the recruitment of another person to join a criminal street gang.
4. HR 1806 - the Youth Crime Deterrence Act that amends the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to set forth additional requirements for state plans under the juvenile justice and delinquency prevention program (program) relating to juvenile truancy from detention or placement settings and housing, reentry and aftercare services for juveniles released from the juvenile justice system.
5. HR 1082 -the Safe Babies Act that we did with Judge Lederman that amends the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to require the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to award a grant to a national early childhood development organization to establish a National Court Teams Resource Center.
6. HR 2073 - the Child Health Care Crisis Relief Act that establishes programs related to mental health services for children and adolescents.

## **LIBRARY**

**Library Services and Technology Act:** ADVOCATE for the reauthorization of LSTA and for increase federal funding to libraries through the State of Florida. Libraries receive federal funding through the Library Services and Technology Act. While there is an annual appropriations process, LSTA requires a re-authorization every five years. The next re-authorization of the Library Services and Technology Act is on the agenda for the session beginning in January 2008. Miami Dade Public Library System has received various grants from LSTA funds, mostly distributed through the Florida State Library process.

## **HOMELAND SECURITY**

### **Homeland Security Regional Complex & Homestead Interagency Coordination:**

- SUPPORT efforts to secure the placement of a regional DHS facility in Miami-Dade County. Our community is a credible target for terrorist activities and placing a regional office in Miami-Dade County will greatly augment the significant investment already made by the DHS. This will ensure Florida's largest metropolitan area has the mobilization and deployment resources available to coordinate with federal and state officials in the event of a terrorist attack or other crisis.
- SUPPORT efforts to attract additional DHS/FEMA resources to facilitate the Nation's homeland security – emergency preparedness responsibilities, including making the hanger at adjacent county owned land in Homestead a permanent FEMA staging facility. The County has existing capacity to house additional federal assets at land adjacent to Homestead Air Reserve Base – which is perfect for receiving, staging and integrating resources that could assist federal disaster response and training.
- COORDINATE with the Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security to accommodate further interagency functions at Homestead Air Force Reserve Base, including working with the Coast Guard in relocating Metro Zoo facility at Homestead Air Force Reserve Base. Increase the military units located at Homestead Air Force Reserve Base, using the relocation of the Special Operations Command South (SOC SOUTH) as a model.
- SUPPORT efforts to replace and upgrade infrastructure that no longer meets regulatory requirements and continues to deteriorate due to lack of maintenance funding and neglect that occurred over the past decade. This coordination will make the land readily available for interagency, military or Homeland Security uses.

**SOUTHCOM:** PROMOTE the retention of the U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) in Miami-Dade County. SUPPORT language and funding request at the amounts in the President's budget for the construction of Southcom in the Doral location.

**Operation Safe Port:** SUPPORT request to fund the Miami-Dade Police Department Underwater Recovery/Homeland Security Units to conduct hull searches on vessels entering the port. Searches are utilized in order to locate explosive devices attached to a ship's hull as well as any other potential threat to the safety of passengers and port workers at the Port of Miami. Contraband of any kind is also targeted for removal and confiscation by police divers who conduct searches at the request of the Coast Guard but are not reimbursed or paid with federal funds. The Port of Miami contributes over \$12 billion annually to the economy of South Florida.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

**Fit to Play Program – Health & Fitness:** SUPPORT \$174,750 funding request for the enhancement of Miami-Dade County Parks and Recreation Fit to Play Program. MDPR is integrating a nutrition component to the comprehensive Fit to Play Program. By teaching kids the importance of identifying healthy food choices will thereby effectively reduce obesity in our children. Computer and PC equipment is needed to test each kid and provide meaningful data proving that kids are healthier after the program than before. SUPPORT working with federal agencies such as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and National Institute of Health (NIH) for possible programmatic funding of our parks programs that promote healthier children and assist in the reduction of obesity among American youth, an issue of concern in both the Administration and Congress.

**Trail Glades Range:** PROMOTE funding request for Trail Glades Range for increased shooting and larger range targets to increase their proficiency. The Range is currently operational. This request would cover additional trap and skeet stations, renovations of the existing stations, construction of a new 100 yard rifle range, range master building and demolition of the existing rifle range, a lighted parking lot and site infrastructure.

**Camp Matecumbe:** SUPPORT \$2.4 million request for Camp Matecumbe Building Renovation. Camp Matecumbe contains 10 buildings originally used to house unaccompanied Cuban refugee children as part of the Pedro Pan program. These funds would renovate the building and allow it to be open to the public.

## **POLICE**

**Community Oriented Policing Services Technology Project:** SUPPORT funding request for COPS Technology Project. The funding will support Miami-Dade County's first responder agencies throughout South Florida region to ensure the safety and quality of life for all citizens through coordination, communication, and sharing of vital information.

\$6 million funding request for interoperable voice and data communication.

\$715,000 for connection to FBI NDEx system

\$1,200,000 for non-terrestrial back up for emergency communications

\$1,600,000 for radio interoperability using IP Gateways

\$1,800,000 for mobile communications infrastructure platform

\$2,000,000 for mobile 800 MHz Radio Cache of 500 Radios

**Justice Assistance Grant Program:** Work with Department of Justice on a \$1.5 million funding request for Justice Assistance Grant for electronic communication, such as E-Police, E-Notify, Sexual Crimes Predator Unit, Command Post, Crime Lab, and Crime Stoppers. This grant will support a high priority technology project which supports electronic communication.

**Mobile Automated Fingerprint Identification Device:** SUPPORT a \$2.3 million funding request for a Mobile Automated Fingerprint Identification Device that would enable law enforcement officials to positively identify individuals in the course of routine stops by connecting to the Region 7 Biometric Identification Systems. Mobile AFIS provides remote and timely access to vital information of fingerprints, facial recognition and criminal history record information.

**Local Law Enforcement Block Grant and Byrne Grant:** SUPPORT maintaining and/or increasing Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) and the Byrne Grant. These funding sources have been decreasing in recent years and are an important federal funding source for communities such as Miami-Dade County.

**Crime Lab Enhancements:** SUPPORT the maintenance and an increased level of funding for grant programs such as the DNA Backlog Grants and the Paul Coverdell Grants.

## **PROCUREMENT**

**Repeal of Section 511:** SUPPORT repeal of Section 511, which will require Counties, such as ours, with annual spending over \$100 million, to deduct 3% from payments made to vendors. Miami Dade County is a large entity and has negotiated contracts with its vendors with small profit margins. Imposition of this federal 3% withholding tax will impact the County's ability to obtain the lowest possible pricing for the goods and services purchased for the public's funds. This legislation, which would go into effect in 2011, would mean that County would have to absorb an annual increase in the cost of goods and services in excess of \$27 million.

**Federal Procurement:** SUPPORT legislation to allow local jurisdictions access to federal GSA contracts. Current law does not allow for non-federal agencies, such as Miami-Dade County, access to contracts for goods and services established by the federal government, which makes procurement for local governments significantly less cost effective.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Bridge Infrastructure Improvements** – In light of the Minnesota bridge collapse disaster, work towards preventive measures that provide funding and oversight from the Department of Transportation as well as the Transportation & Infrastructure Committees for all of Miami-Dade County bridges including but not limited to:

**NW 17 Avenue Bridge:** SUPPORT funding request to replace the existing NW 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge over the Miami River. The bridge includes several short reinforced concrete beams spans as well as a bascule span. The bridge will have a life expectancy of 75 years and will be designed to meet industry standards which will allow unlimited emergency and normal vehicle usage.



**Venetian Causeway Bridges:** SUPPORT funding request to construct/replace 12 Venetian Causeway bridges which serve and link the City of Miami and Miami Beach. The new bridges will have a life expectancy of 75 years. The new bridges will be designed for new AASHTO highway loading and which will allow unlimited emergency and construction vehicle access.

**Fixed Wing Aircraft:** SUPPORT \$1 million funding request for the acquisition and use of a Fixed Wing Aircraft that will compliment mosquito spraying performed by a helicopter increasing the capability of the County to spray on short notice with total control of the operation. Aircraft are used for aerial spraying due to their speed which enables them to spray large tracts of land quickly, providing rapid control of mosquitoes in all areas of the County.

**Arterial Surveillance System:** SUPPORT a \$3 million funding request to install an arterial surveillance system to monitor the flow of traffic at all major intersections and special event generators from the Traffic Control Center to make permanent and temporary adjustments to signal operations.

**Bike Lane/Pedestrian Facility Improvement:** SUPPORT a \$1 million funding request to conduct traffic studies for arterial streets in Miami-Dade County and identify, design, and implement approximately three (3) miles of bike lanes and bicycle/pedestrian facilities per year.

**Improvement Study:** SUPPORT a \$500,000 funding request for a High Crash Intersection Improvement Study. This study will be used to examine the top 100 high-crash locations in Miami-Dade County and identify and implement appropriate countermeasures to improve traffic safety for 10 locations on a yearly basis for 5 years.

## **SEAPORT**

**Transportation Intermodal Issues:** MONITOR and/or support any bills, rules, regulations and policies involving federal intermodal highway systems, roadway systems, funding designations or transportation improvements projects along connectivity corridors that impact access to and from the Port of Miami. Improvements to our Intermodal transportation system will result in a smoother and more efficient movement of cargo to and from the Port of Miami.

**Seaport Security Operations:** MONITOR implementation of the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) and similar legislation that would change or create regulations that would impact security operations at the Port of Miami through the MTSA.

**Cruise Ships:** MONITOR and SUPPORT legislation which would allow the Secretary of Transportation to issue permits to cruise ships already operating in other markets to operate in the United States.

**Seaport Security Mandates:** SUPPORT efforts to assure that the federal government funds all federal seaport security mandates without impacting traditional seaport funding sources for capacity and other critical projects. Additional funding is required to maintain the present and future heightened security levels that will be required to assure that passengers and cargo are efficiently processed and to assist with the landside and waterside security requirements currently demanded of ports. SUPPORT funding increases to budgets of federal agencies with operations at the Port of Miami; primarily for more officers to provide passenger safety and to assist in expeditiously and efficiently processing of passengers and cargo.

**Miami Harbor Phase III Dredging:** SUPPORT a \$2 million funding request for a Miami Harbor Channel General Reevaluation Report Implementation, Plans and Specifications for the first phase of implementation which includes the design, preparation of plans and specifications for bidding. Also seeking an additional source of PED funds through utilizing the funds that will be restored to the project, once the Port of Miami reimburses the Army Corps for its share of the costs of the General Reevaluation Report (GRR).

**Harbor Maintenance Tax:** SUPPORT and Monitor legislation that would repeal the Harbor Maintenance Tax and authorize general revenues to pay for the federal cost of operating and maintaining the nation's harbors. Oppose any user fee which may be proposed as an alternative to the current financing mechanism. Such fee imposed would greatly impact the already overburdened industry.

## **SOLID WASTE**

**Market Incentives for Electricity Produced from Renewable Resources:** ADVOCATE for legislation designating biomass (both Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) incineration and methane gas recovery) as a "qualified energy resource", eligible for any and all market incentives including but not limited to 1) establishment of a renewable portfolio standard (RPS), 2) establishment of a renewable energy tradable credits program, 3) expansion of the existing Section 45 tax credits to include biomass and to provide that public sector entities share in a like benefit through creation of a refundable production and investment tax credit, 4) participation in "green pricing" program or other similar incentives. Such incentive provisions will aid in providing for financial stability of local governments' solid waste management programs. This in turn will provide greater flexibility to local governments in delivering a higher level of service to the community, adding environmental enhancement initiatives, reducing fees or a combination thereof.

**Power Plant Emission Reductions:** ADVOCATE for equitable treatment for Waste-to-Energy Facilities as it relates to the provision of any anticipated air pollution reduction legislation requiring that "power generating" facilities achieve certain reductions in air pollutants. An equity provision is sought due to the fact that previous emission reduction proposals constituted a redundant requirement, given WTE facilities have already complied with comparable provisions of the Clean Air Act.

**Used Electronics Waste Stream:** SUPPORT any legislation promoting the concept of diverting used electronics from disposal, both for the purposes of increasing recycling and diverting any and all possible sources of environmental contamination to meet highest environmental standard at the most reasonable cost. OPPOSE any pending regulations that would place a disproportionate share of the responsibility (in terms of operations, funding and potential sanctions) on local governments. MDSW is operating a used electronics recycling program without any funding from any other parties. Program costs approximate \$100 per ton. DSWM rate payers should not be the sole party burdened with this cost and responsibility; it should be shared by all of the stakeholders, including manufacturers, retailers and users.

**Flow Control/Interstate Waste Transport:** SUPPORT legislation that would amend the Interstate Commerce Act to clarify that rail-based solid waste facilities are not integral to the operation of railroads and that the federal pre-emption does not apply to the solid waste facilities. Additionally, ADVOCATE that Congress enact legislation to fully restore state and local control of all rail-based solid waste facilities to state and local governments.

**OSHA Ergonomics Rule:** SUPPORT legislation that would allow the solid waste industry to be granted an exemption from the requirements of OSHA's proposed "ergonomics" rule pending completion of the appropriate industry-specific study. The intent of the OSHA ergonomics rule was to reduce the number of repetitive stress injuries incurred on the job. While the MDSW supports efforts to reduce worker injuries, these particular regulations do not adequately deal with solid waste-related issues specifically current collection hazards.

## **TRANSIT**

**Metrorail Orange Line Expansion - North Corridor:** SUPPORT \$100 million funding request to be used for right-a-way acquisition along corridors and design.

**Metrorail Orange Line Expansion – East/West Corridor:** SUPPORT \$5 million funding request for Phase 3 preliminary engineering on the Miami-Dade County East-West Corridor Rapid Transit Project.

**Transit Security and Surveillance System:** SUPPORT \$5 million funding request to enhance and install security and surveillance systems in transit properties and vehicles. The enhancements include: installation of real-time surveillance and recording system throughout; transit operations and maintenance facilities, rail/mover and fleet and rail/mover and bus stations, razor wire and security sensor fencing on the perimeter of facilities, access gate identification cards and coded proximity cards to secure access to critical areas and explosive resistant containers.

**US-1 Pedestrian Overpasses:** SUPPORT an \$8 million funding request for construction of four additional pedestrian overpasses over US-1 at the 27th Avenue, South Miami, University and Dadeland South Metrorail Stations.

**Metrorail Vehicles Mid-Life Rehabilitation/Procurement:** SUPPORT funding request for the purchase of 12 new Metromover vehicles. The current Metrorail fleet of 136 vehicles was placed in service in 1984. The purchase of the vehicles is imperative to improve fleet reliability.

**Bus Procurement:** SUPPORT \$6 million funding request of discretionary Federal Bus and Bus-Related funds to enhance current levels of service to meet growing transportation demand, increasing bus routes and improving service frequencies. The purchase of additional buses will have an important collective impact on Miami-Dade County's ability to decrease congestion and promote intermodal linkages for passengers throughout the South Florida region.

## **WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT**

**Tax Credit Bonds:** SUPPORT Tax Credit Bonds for legislation that would authorize a new tax credit bond program, to be known as "Clean Renewable Water Supply Bonds" that could be issued by public agencies in exactly the same way as those agencies can presently issue traditional tax exempt municipal bonds.

**Water/Waste Water Infrastructure Financing:** SUPPORT Congressional action which makes available funding in the form of grants or loans to meet the growing demand on the Department's water and sewer systems. SUPPORT any Congressional action which would amend the manner in which State Revolving Funds are allocated to the States, to the extent the amendment would provide greater amounts of funding to the State of Florida.

**Water Reuse:** SUPPORT \$6.25 million funding request for the development of a reuse transmission pipeline in South Miami-Dade County. Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department will use such a line to supplement water supply for various users in the southern part of the County, including industrial and potential agricultural users. Positive effects will include helping to conserve water in Miami-Dade County and protecting critical natural resources such as the Everglades and Biscayne Bay.

**Floridan Aquifer Groundwater Study and Modeling:** SUPPORT \$500,000 authorization for the development of a groundwater model of the Floridan aquifer in Miami-Dade County. WASD is in the process of developing a variable density model of the Floridan aquifer in Miami-Dade County, which can be used by the Department and other utilities in Miami-Dade County to address the impact and feasibility of using the upper Floridan as a water supply source.

**Florida Area Coastal Environment (FACE) Initiative:** SUPPORT legislative and administrative action in requesting federal funds sought for the creation and implementation of directives set forth by the FACE initiative. Further seek Congressional support should the Florida Department of Environmental Protection seek federal funds to support the FACE initiative.

**Environmental Protection Agency Policy for Wet Weather Flows:** SUPPORT Congressional action to urge the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to release its final policy for addressing very high or "peak" flow events at municipal wastewater treatment plants that are a result of significant storm event, as proposed in December 2005. OPPOSE a policy prohibiting wet weather diversions. This would cost millions and not be a cost effective means to handle excess flow.

**Clean Water Trust Fund: Monitor** Clean Water Restoration Act of 2007 (HR2421) Given the diversity of state laws and local geographic considerations, it is unclear how this legislation, if enacted, would affect agencies. However, broadening the scope of jurisdictional waters as H.R. 2421 contemplates, may affect agencies that discharge to effluent dominated streams; Agencies that construct wetlands for treatment; or Agencies that need to site a new facility or expand and existing plant.

**Chemical Facilities Security:** MONITOR legislation or Department of Homeland Security regulations that address security at the nation's chemical plants that may be vulnerable to terrorist attack. Any changes in the manner that chemical facilities have to prepare and anticipate terrorism can carry significant cost burdens to the Department and to consumers. OPPOSE any legislation or regulation that does not provide financial assistance for public entities to comply with the legislation or new rules.

**Water/Wastewater Legislation:** SUPPORT legislation that would authorize or appropriate funding for Water and Wastewater infrastructure and security needs. OPPOSE any efforts to reduce funding for critical grant programs and other funding sources.

**Pump Stations Protection Program:** SUPPORT program that would protect the pump stations during significant weather events such as hurricanes and flash floods by deploying additional portable pumps to the Water and Sewer Department.

**Clean Water Loan Program:** OPPOSE any cuts to the Clean Water Loan Program. SUPPORT any effort to cease the reduction of funding for this critical funding source. We support any effort which would advocate the restoration of funding levels to those prior to fiscal year 2000-2001.

## 2009 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

<u>Department &amp; Program</u>	<u>Appropriations Bill</u>	<u>ACM Request</u>
<b>Aviation</b>		
Airport EDS Baggage Integration	<i>Homeland</i>	<i>\$20 million</i>
<b>Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM)</b>		
Miami River Dredging	<i>E&amp;W</i>	<i>\$13 million</i>
Biscayne Bay Water Quality Assessment Model	<i>E&amp;W</i>	<i>\$500,000</i>
<b>International Trade</b>		
Democracy Pilot Program		<i>\$500,000</i>
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>		
Fit to Play	<i>Agriculture</i>	<i>\$174,750</i>
Camp Matecumbe		<i>\$2.4 million</i>
<b>Police/Interoperability</b>		
Voice and Data Communication		<i>\$6 million</i>
FBI NDEx System		<i>\$715,000</i>
Non-Terrestrial Back Up		<i>\$1.2 million</i>
Radio Interoperability		<i>\$1.6 million</i>
Mobile Communications Infrastructure Platform		<i>\$1.8 million</i>
Mobile 800 MHz Radio Cache of 500 Radios		<i>\$2 million</i>
<b>Public Works</b>		
Fixed wing Aircraft	<i>Agriculture</i>	<i>\$1 million</i>
Arterial Surveillance System		<i>\$3 million</i>
Bike Lane/Pedestrian Facility Improvement		<i>\$1 million</i>
Crash Awareness Improvement Study		<i>\$500,000</i>
<b>Seaport</b>		
Miami Harbor Channel Dredging Project	<i>E&amp;W</i>	<i>\$2 million</i>
<b>Transit</b>		
Bus Procurement	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>\$6 million</i>
Metrorail Orange Line Expansion –North	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>\$100 million (full funding agreement)</i>
East/West	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>\$5 million</i>
Transit Security and Surveillance System	<i>Homeland</i>	<i>\$5 million</i>

**Water and Sewer Department**

Miami-Dade County

Water Pipeline

*\$6.25 million*

Miami-Dade County Floridan

Aquifer Study

*\$500,000*



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### CRITICAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

**Home Rule and Preemption:** SUPPORT the preservation of local home rule; and OPPOSE any effort to preempt local authority.

**State Funding and Cost Shifts:** SUPPORT the preservation of funding for all county programs; and OPPOSE any additional cost shifts from the state to the county, and any reduction in county revenue, revenue sharing, or funding from the state.

**Miami-Dade Doc Stamps** – SUPPORT the extension of the Miami-Dade County documentary stamp surtax program that is dedicated to affordable housing.

**Sadowski Act Cap Repeal** - SUPPORT elimination of the cap on the Sadowski Act Trust Funds for affordable housing.

**FDOT New Starts Program** – SUPPORT full funding of the New Starts Program of the Florida Department of Transportation to ensure the funding of the Orange Line MetroRail Extension.

**Beach Erosion Control** - SUPPORT full funding for Beach Erosion Control to restore eroded segments of shorelines, thus re-establishing storm protection and recreational benefits in the project site.





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CRITICAL APPROPRIATION PRIORITIES

**Miami River Dredging Federal Advance - \$7.5 million**

SUPPORT a \$7.5 million funding request for Miami River Dredging – Federal Channel Advance to complete the dredging project.

**Jackson Health System Indigent Care - \$20 million**

SUPPORT a \$20 million funding request for JHS to provide charity care to indigent patients.

**Emergency Watch System – \$2 million**

SUPPORT a \$2 million funding request for an Emergency Watch System that will facilitate communication between various public safety agencies (35 cities and the County) and the state warning point on major incidents as they occur.

**Jail Diversion Gap Funding - \$270,000**

SUPPORT a \$270,000 funding request for a Jail Diversion Gap Funding to replenish a pool of funds to provide immediate access to housing and behavioral health services for individuals with serious mental illnesses being released from jail and awaiting approval of entitlement benefits such as Social Security.

**Dually Diagnosed HART - \$479,610**

SUPPORT a \$479,610 request for the addition of 18 specialized residential treatment beds for the Homeless Assessment, Referral and Tracking Program (HART) of the Homeless Trust.

**Elderly High Risk Nutritional Meals - \$871,250**

SUPPORT an \$871,250 funding request for meals to seniors at least 60 years of age or older who have been determined to have a nutritional score of 5.5 or higher as determined by the state.



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DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS



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### DEPARTMENTAL LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS (alphabetically by department, then prioritized)

#### **BUILDING CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICE**

**Inactive Permits** - SUPPORT legislation that would make state licensed contractors responsible for inactive permits by allowing governmental agencies responsible for code enforcement and building code issues to issue state licensed contractors citations on these inactive permits

**Florida Building Code and Product Approval** - MONITOR legislation regarding the Statewide Product Approval Process and Florida Building Code.

#### **CONSUMER SERVICES**

**For Hire Transportation Preemption** - OPPOSE legislation relating to For Hire Transportation which would impact the County's authority to approve or restrict transfers of taxicab, jitney, limousine, or other passenger vehicle for-hire licenses.

**Moving Company Preemption** - MONITOR legislation that affects the County's ability to regulate moving companies.

**Towing Company Preemption** - MONITOR legislation that affects the County's ability to regulate towing companies.

**Tour Guides as Sellers of Travel Preemption** - SUPPORT legislation that would remove the preemption of County governments from regulating tour guides as a seller of travel, or in the alternative, remove "tour-guide services" from the definition of "sellers of travel" under all sections of Florida Statute 559.

**Consumer Services Regulated Industries** - MONITOR legislation that affects the following County regulated industries: motor vehicle repair; moving; locksmith; towing; wrecker; motor vehicle title loan; vehicle immobilization; general consumer protection; for-hire transportation vehicles, including taxicabs, limousines and ambulance service.

## **CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION**

**Arrest Authority for Correctional Officers** - SUPPORT legislation that would allow correctional officers limited arrest authority within County jail detention facilities and their surrounding perimeter.

**Blue Lights for Correctional Agency Vehicles** - SUPPORT legislation that would allow vehicles owned, operated, or leased by the Department of Correction or any County Correctional Agency to show or display blue lights when responding to emergencies.

## **COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA)**

**Ex-Military Facilities in CRA** - SUPPORT legislation that would amend the Community Redevelopment Act to modify the criteria for the creation of a CRA in areas that include land previously used as a military facility.

## **CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**Cultural Affairs Funding** - SUPPORT increasing statewide budget allocation for cultural affairs programming, cultural facilities and regional cultural facilities grants through the Florida Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs.

## **ELECTIONS**

**HAVA Funds** - SUPPORT the release of funds awarded to the State of Florida for mandated voting equipment changes through the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

**Early Voting Sites** - SUPPORT legislation that would allow the Supervisor of Elections to use any site convenient and accessible for early voting, and includes the required security protocol.

**Early Voting Hours for Local Elections** - SUPPORT legislation that would allow the Supervisor of Elections to provide early voting with the discretion of assigning the hours of operations in county elections that are not held in conjunction with state or federal elections.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**Emergency Generators** - SUPPORT legislation that would provide for enforcement and penalties for non-compliance with HB 2171 (2006) with regard to generators at fuel stations and multi-story dwellings.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (DERM)**

**Beach Erosion Control** - SUPPORT full funding for Beach Erosion Control to restore eroded segments of shorelines, thus re-establishing storm protection and recreational benefits in the project site.

## **FIRE RESCUE**

**Impersonating Fire Fighters** - SUPPORT legislation that would prohibit the impersonation of Fire Fighters with criminal punishment.

**Water Wells** - SUPPORT legislation that would include funding of water well in the Urban Development Boundary to protect public health or environment.

**EMS License fees** – SUPPORT a proposed change to State Statute 401.34 that is seeking to increase EMS licensing fees.

## **HOMELESS TRUST**

**Sadowski Act Cap Repeal** - SUPPORT elimination of the cap on the Sadowski Act Trust Funds for affordable housing.

## **HOUSING AGENCY**

**Public Safety Grants for Public Housing** – SUPPORT dedicated funding for public safety grants to law enforcement agencies for public housing security upgrades and enhancements.

## **HUMAN SERVICES**

**Subsidized Child Care/School Readiness** - SUPPORT funding from the state Agency for Workforce Innovation to allow maintenance of effort and/or enhancement funding for child care/school readiness programs.

## **LIBRARIES**

**State Aide to Libraries** - SUPPORT an increase of \$3.25 million for state aid to libraries.

## **OFFICE OF STRATEGIC BUSINESS MANAGEMENT (OSBM)**

**Revenue Cap for Expanded Taxing Districts** - SUPPORT legislation that ensures taxing districts that expand due to annexation or consolidation do not have their revenues capped at pre-existing levels.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING**

**Coastal High Hazard Comp Plan Compliance** - SUPPORT legislation for a change of date for local compliance from July 1, 2008 to July 1, 2009 for the comprehensive plans for the Coastal High-Hazard Area.

## **POLICE**

**Predatory Lending** - SUPPORT legislation that would identify and define predatory lending and create criminal penalties for violations thereof.

**Impersonating Police Officer** - SUPPORT legislation that would make falsely personating a police officer a second degree felony or if the commission of a felony results in the death or personal injury of another human being making that charge a first degree.

## **SEAPORT**

**Strategic Intermodal System** - MONITOR any bills, rules, regulations and statewide policies involving transportation intermodal issues including but not limited to major transportation improvement projects as defined in the State Strategic Intermodal System as it relates to access to and from the Port of Miami.

**Sunshine State Loan Program** - SUPPORT the Florida Ports Council's efforts in securing dedicated funding sources for Florida seaports through the Sunshine State Loan Program, and continued funding support from other Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) funds to assist the Port in its capital improvement projects; including security operations and capital improvements at the Port.

**Seaport Security** - MONITOR legislation imposing new security mandates on Florida Ports that both positively and negatively effect operations.

## **SENIOR ADVOCATE**

**Community Care for the Elderly** – SUPPORT additional CCE funding to lead agencies in the community will reduce the County's waiting list of Homecare and Adult Day Care.

**Alliance for Aging, Inc. "Aging Resource Center Model"** – SUPPORT state funding for the Aging Resource Center in Miami-Dade County.

## **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

**Renewable Energy** - SUPPORT legislation for the preservation and enhancement of existing initiatives that support the production of the "renewable" energy produced at the county's Resources Recovery Facility from the combustion of municipal solid waste.

**Enhanced Illegal Dumping Penalties** - SUPPORT legislation regarding the Florida Litter Law requiring that the illegal dumping violation should result in the revocation of the driver's license, in addition to the current vehicle seizure provision.

**Used Electronics** - SUPPORT efforts of DEP for increased regulation of used electronics in the waste stream and to insure that such legislation does not place a disproportionate burden on local government for segregation, collection and recycling and management of this waste stream

relative to other responsible parties, such as the state, the electronics manufacturers and retailers, private waste facilities and generators.

**Disposal Fee Equity** - OPPOSE legislation requiring the Counties provide certain waste management services at no cost or at reduced cost and/or any legislation seeking to regulate user fees charged.

**Local Solid Waste Programs Grant Funding** - SUPPORT the allocation of waste-related grants in a County by County basis at a level commensurate with the amount of fees paid into the mitigation fund by the residents of each County.

## **WATER AND SEWER**

**Ocean Outfalls** – MONITOR legislation that would require utilities to provide advanced wastewater treatment, such as nutrient removal, prior to discharging through a deep ocean outfall; and OPPOSE any legislation that is not supported by proven scientific data.

**Water Resource and Alternative Water Supply Development** - SUPPORT legislative action expanding the definition of water resource development to include desalination (including brackish groundwater or surface water) and regional/multi-jurisdictional water facilities; Water conservation or demand side management programming that results in long-term water savings should be defined as an alternative water supply and be eligible for grants under the Alternative Water Supply Grants Program. OPPOSE any legislation which establishes a statewide Water Commission which redefines the water supply relationship among the State, WMDs and local governments; and Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) oversight of local and regional water utilities.

**Alternative Water Supply Funding** – SUPPORT legislative and administrative action to support the continuation of partnerships between the State, WMDs and local water utilities to significantly increase the funding of alternative water supply development; increased funding for the alternative water supply development cost-share grant program using dedicated State and WMD funding; which provides an equitable, cost effective distribution of funds among all types of alternative water supply projects (i.e., reservoirs, aquifer storage and recovery, reuse, and desalination (brackish groundwater or surface water, and seawater), regardless of the size of the water utility, that addresses both regional and/or local needs in a cost effective manner; and a reduction in the maximum utility contribution to no more that fifty percent.

**Water Governance** - OPPOSE legislation that preempts local control over feasibility, reuse, water pricing and comprehensive planning activities.

**Linking Water Supply and Growth** - SUPPORT establishment of a base percentage rate for each WMDs budget to fund alternative water supply projects; require WMDs dedicate a percentage of their annual growth in ad valorem tax revenues to these projects; increase State and WMDs financial support to assist local and regional water utilities with future alternative water supply development.

**Water Conservation** - SUPPORT legislative action to amend State water law that recognizes that local and regional water utilities have the responsibility and right to establish rates and rate structures for their services; which mandates DEP to develop and implement a statewide comprehensive "goal-based" water conservation program; and encourage water conservation efforts, while allocating state resources made available through Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund of DEP. MONITOR proposed legislation on water reservations, continue evaluating the process of developing such reservations and assess the potential impacts to the County.

**Water Management Districts** - SUPPORT legislative and administrative action strengthening of partnerships between WMDs and local or regional water utilities to resolve issues with rules and/or policies that have significant impact; and ensure consistent interpretation and application of rules, policies and criteria across WMDs, specifically in the areas of: Consumptive Use Permits; Alternative Water Supply Funding; Water Shortages; Water Conservation; and Water Reservation.

**Fire Hydrants** – OPPOSE legislation that would preempt local control and any unfunded mandate requiring internal check-valve devices for fire hydrants

**State Revolving Loan Funds** – SUPPORT continued funding for the State Revolving Fund providing low interest loans for eligible water and waste water system projects.

**Aquifer Storage and Recovery** – SUPPORT legislative and administrative action to protect the County's existing and future investments in the development of Aquifer Storage and Recovery Facilities from adverse impacts.

**Florida Area Costal Environment (FACE) Initiative** – SUPPORT legislative and administrative action in requesting DEP to seek federal funds to support the FACE initiative; and support DEP in its administration of the FACE Program.

**Septic Tank Legislation** - OPPOSE legislation that would preempt local control and that would place fiduciary burden on the utility to conduct any planning, studies, or reports that are outside of the normal facility expansion requirements.

**Administrative Fines** – SUPPORT legislation which would provide for greater flexibility by DEP in determining if administrative fines are to be assessed, while giving deference to the general operations of public utilities





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### DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

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#### AVIATION

##### **Runway Extension at Tamiami - \$1 million**

SUPPORT a \$1 million funding request for the extension of the runway at the Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport.

##### **Strategic Airport Master Plan - \$2 million**

SUPPORT a \$2 million funding request to provide strategic airport master planning for the County's system of five public-use airports (Miami International Airport, Opa-Locka Executive Airport, Homestead General Aviation Airport, Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport, and Dade-Collier Training and Transition Airport).

##### **Airfield Capacity - \$2.3 million**

SUPPORT a \$2.3 million or 50% of the non-federal share funding request to enable MIA to meet airfield capacity requirements for projected activity levels and reduce operating delay costs within the State and the network of national airports.

##### **Foreign Object Debris Detection System - \$2 million**

SUPPORT a \$2 million funding request for the installation of an automatic Foreign Object Debris (FOD) detection system to automatically and continuously scan the airfield to detect common runway FOD such as metal objects, glass, plastic, cardboard, birds and wildlife.

##### **Runway 27 Threshold Relocation – \$275,000**

SUPPORT a \$275,000 funding request for the relocation of the existing Runway 27 threshold eastward of its existing location to facilitate efficient aircraft movements into and out of the South Terminal Area.

#### OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (OEM)

##### **Emergency Watch Center – \$2 million**

SUPPORT a \$2 million funding request for an Emergency Watch Center that will facilitate communication between various public safety agencies (35 cities and the County) and the state warning point on major incidents as they occur.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (DERM)**

### **Miami River Dredging Federal Advance - \$7.5 million**

SUPPORT a \$7.5 million funding request for Miami River Dredging – Federal Channel Advance to complete the dredging project.

### **C-103 Canal Retrofit - \$850,000**

SUPPORT an \$850,000 funding request for the retrofitting existing pipes connecting the roadway drainage to the C-103 Canal to reduce the amount of pollutants carried by urban stormwater discharging to the C-103 Canal, which eventually discharges to Biscayne Bay.

### **Biscayne Bay Surface Water Quality Monitoring - \$225,000**

SUPPORT a \$225,000 funding request for the Biscayne Bay Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program to continue the long-term, quality-assured dataset that is used to support scientifically sound management decisions.

### **Biscayne Bay Water Quality Model - \$250,000**

SUPPORT a \$250,000 funding request for the Biscayne Bay Water Quality Model to help the development of the integrated area-wide land use and water management plan for the south Miami-Dade County watershed as required in the County's adopted CDMP.

## **HOMELESS TRUST**

### **Jail Diversion Gap Funding - \$270,000**

SUPPORT a \$270,000 funding request for a Jail Diversion Gap Funding to replenish a pool of funds to provide immediate access to housing and behavioral health services for individuals with serious mental illnesses being released from jail and awaiting approval of entitlement benefits such as Social Security.

### **Dually Diagnosed HART - \$479,610**

SUPPORT a \$479,610 request for the addition of 18 specialized residential treatment beds for the Homeless Assessment, Referral and Tracking Program (HART) of the Homeless Trust.

## **HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Elderly High Risk Nutritional Meals - \$871,250**

SUPPORT an \$871,250 funding request for meals to seniors at least 60 years of age or older who have been determined to have a nutritional score of 5.5 or higher as determined by the state.

### **Treatment Alternative for Batterers - \$225,000**

SUPPORT a \$225,000 request for two substance abuse treatment counselors plus urinalysis testing as part of alternative treatment for batterers.

## **INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONSORTIUM**

### **Jay Malina Trade Missions - \$100,000**

SUPPORT a \$100,000 funding request for the Jay Malina International Trade Missions to conduct ITC-led business development missions, attract additional business participation on ITC missions, conduct research on trade, and conduct seminars and workshops expanding trade.

## **PARK AND RECREATION**

### **Trail Glades Range - \$6 million**

SUPPORT a \$6 million request for Trail Glades Range for increased shooting and larger range targets for improved marksmanship for state and local law enforcement and area residents.

### **MetroZoo Amazon and Beyond - \$3.5 million**

SUPPORT a \$3.5 million request for Amazon and Beyond at the MetroZoo for the largest exhibit on tropical American flora and fauna in the U.S., and possibly the world, which will focus on biodiversity that is incredibly threatened.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Communications Subsystem Conversion Project - \$5 million**

SUPPORT a \$5 million funding request for a Communication Subsystem Conversion Project for the Advanced Traffic Management System to replace the traffic signal control system in Miami-Dade County with a new communication subsystem based on a hybrid wireless and fiber-optic technologies.

### **High Crash Intersection Improvement Study - \$500,000**

SUPPORT a \$500,000 funding request for a High Crash Intersection Improvement Study for the top 100 high-crash locations in Miami-Dade County and identify and implement appropriate countermeasures to improve traffic operational safety.

### **Traffic Signal Control Cabinet Conversion - \$7 million**

SUPPORT a \$7 million funding request for a Traffic Signal Control Cabinet Conversion Project to replace the traffic signal control cabinets to improve the flow of traffic on the part of the state highway system that is in Miami-Dade County.

### **Bike Lane Traffic Study - \$1 million**

SUPPORT a \$1 million funding request for a Bike Lane/Facility Implementation Project to conduct traffic studies for arterial streets in Miami-Dade County.

## **TRANSIT**

### **Orange Line Phase 2 North Corridor Metrorail Extension - \$25 million**

SUPPORT a \$25 million funding for the Orange Line Phase 2 North Corridor Metrorail Extension for a 9.5-mile heavy rail project that would run along 27th Avenue.

**Orange Line Phase 3 East West MetroRail Extension - \$5 million**

SUPPORT a \$5 million funding request for the Orange Line Phase 3 East-West Metrorail Extension for a 10.1 mile heavy rail project that will connect Florida International University to the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) adjacent to Miami International Airport.

**Transit Security System - \$5 million**

SUPPORT a \$5 million funding request for a Transit Security System to install security and surveillance systems throughout the County's transit properties and vehicles.

**Pedestrian Overpasses on US-1 - \$8 million**

SUPPORT an \$8 million funding request for construction of four additional pedestrian overpasses over US-1 at the 27th Avenue, South Miami, University and Dadeland South Metrorail Stations.

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

**Beneficial Use of Waste-to-Energy Ash - \$250,000**

SUPPORT a \$250,000 funding request for a research project to make beneficial use of ash produced by Miami-Dade County's Waste to Energy plant.



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BCC RESOLUTIONS  
(listed numerically with sponsors)

**R-466-07 Underground Utility Facilities (Martinez)** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO FACILITATE THE EXPEDITIOUS CONVERSION OF OVERHEAD ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES TO UNDERGROUND FACILITIES AND ENCOURAGING FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO REFLECT BENEFITS OF CONVERSION IN UTILITY TARIFFS

**R-467-07 Ethics Commission Complaint (Sosa)** RESOLUTION URGING FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO AMEND FLORIDA STATUTES AND THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS TO AMEND ITS RULES TO REQUIRE COMMISSION ON ETHICS TO DISMISS ANY COMPLAINT WHERE THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION HAS DISPOSED OF A PARALLEL COMPLAINT FILED BY THE SAME PARTY AND ARISING OUT OF A COMMON SET OF FACTS

**R-469-07 Florida Forever Program (Barreiro)** RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE FLORIDA FOREVER PROGRAM AND URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO DOUBLE THE BONDING AUTHORITY FOR THE FLORIDA FOREVER PROGRAM FOR THE 2007-08 FISCAL YEAR AND FUND A SUCCESSOR PROGRAM THAT PRESERVES LAND THAT CONTINUES TO BUILD ON THE SUCCESS OF FLORIDA FOREVER WHEN FLORIDA FOREVER SUNSETS IN 2010

**R-470-07 Voluntary Pre-K (Sosa)** RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR FLORIDA'S VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN EDUCATION PROGRAM

**R-471-07 Preemption of Wetland Regulation (Sorenson)** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO DEFEAT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PREEMPT LOCAL REGULATION OF WETLANDS

**R-472-07 Preemption of Limerock Mining (Diaz)** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO DEFEAT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PREEMPT LOCAL REGULATION OF LIMEROCK MINING

**R-481-07 ALF Vital Medical Information (Sosa)** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION REQUIRING ALL ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES TO HAVE A STANDARDIZED TRANSFER FORM OF VITAL MEDICAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

**R-482-07 Elder Abuse or Neglect (Sosa)** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION THAT PROTECTS THE IDENTITIES OF PEOPLE WHO REPORT ELDER ABUSE OR NEGLECT

**R-483-07 Bishop Curry Blvd. (Rolle)** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO DESIGNATE NW 135TH STREET FROM NW 7TH AVENUE TO NW 27TH AVENUE AS BISHOP VICTOR TYRONE CURRY BOULEVARD

**R-632-07 Temporary Reduction in State Motor Fuel Taxes (Martinez)** RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR OR SENATE PRESIDENT AND HOUSE SPEAKER TO EXPAND THE CALL OF THE SPECIAL SESSION SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 12, 2007 TO INCLUDE A TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN STATE MOTOR FUEL TAXES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS PROVIDED SUCH LEGISLATION ENSURES THAT THE REDUCTION PASSES THROUGH TO CONSUMERS; FURTHER URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, THE FLORIDA ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO INVESTIGATE GASOLINE PRICING IN FLORIDA, AND PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF FLORIDA ON THE PROBLEM OF CONTINUING INCREASES IN THE PRICE OF GASOLINE AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

**R-638-07 Property Tax Solution (Moss)** RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO WORK WITH THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, THE MIAMI-DADE STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO CRAFT A PROPERTY TAX SOLUTION THAT PROVIDES MEANINGFUL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF WITHOUT UNDULY IMPACTING COUNTY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

**R-680-07 Investigate High Gas Prices (Moss)** RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNOR, FLORIDA'S ATTORNEY GENERAL AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO LAUNCH AN INVESTIGATION INTO HIGH GASOLINE PRICES

**R-1006-07 Father Emilio Vallina Avenue (Barreiro)** RESOLUTION URGING FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO DESIGNATE WEST FLAGLER STREET FROM 13 AVENUE TO 14 AVENUE AS FATHER EMILIO VALLINA AVENUE

**R-1035-07 FIU Medical School (Martinez)** RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE NOT TO ELIMINATE \$10.2 MILLION FROM THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 BUDGET TO ESTABLISH MEDICAL SCHOOLS AT FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA DURING THE UPCOMING SPECIAL SESSION

**R-1110-07 Insurance Discount for CO2 Detectors (Martinez)** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, THE FLORIDA OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION, AND THE CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING HOMEOWNERS DISCOUNTS ON THEIR PROPERTY INSURANCE IF THEY INSTALL CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

**R-1111-07 Crane Safety (Edmonson)** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION REGULATING CRANE OPERATIONS AND SAFETY THAT INCLUDES THE SAME LEVEL OF CRANE SAFETY THAT IS FOUND IN THE PROPOSED MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ORDINANCE

**R-1175-07 Unpaid Bed Taxes from Internet Hotel Room Rentals (Martinez)** RESOLUTION OPPOSING FEDERAL OR STATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PREEMPT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM SUING FIRMS THAT RENT HOTEL ROOMS OVER THE INTERNET TO RECOVER UNPAID BED TAXES; URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE NOT TO PASS SUCH LEGISLATION

**File 072588 Dog Fighting (Sosa, Diaz, Heyman)** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES AND FINES FOR DOG AND OTHER ANIMAL FIGHTING

**File 072779 Assault Weapons Ban (Jordan, Edmonson, Gimenez, Heyman, Rolle, Sorenson)** RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO REINSTATE THE FEDERAL ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO IMPOSE A STATE ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN; AND ALTERNATIVELY URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO LIFT THE PREEMPTION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' REGULATING ASSAULT WEAPONS IN FLORIDA AND ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO IMPOSE AN ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN

**File 072841 Unmanned Cameras at Intersection (Martinez, Diaz, Gimenez, Heyman, Sosa, Souto)** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW THE USE OF UNMANNED CAMERAS AT INTERSECTIONS WITH TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE RED-LIGHT RUNNING

**File 072842 Licensing of Tour Guides (Barreiro, Heyman)** RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GREATER MIAMI CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU IN URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION ALLOWING FOR LOCAL LICENSING OF TOUR GUIDES

**File 071186 Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler Avenue (Edmonson)** RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO DESIGNATE NW 7TH AVENUE FROM NW 35TH STREET TO 79TH STREET AS DR. BARBARA CAREY-SHULER AVENUE



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BCC NON-RESOLUTION REQUESTS  
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**Non-Agenda Item 073091 from BCC Meeting of October 16, 2007**

- **Hialeah Race Track** (moved by Commissioner Seijas) - SUPPPORT the efforts of City of Hialeah Mayor Julio Robaina and the Hialeah Council members to restore racing dates to Hialeah Race Track.
- **Local Governments and Property Tax Reforms** (moved by Commissioner Sosa) - Urge the State Legislature to meet with local governments to discuss possible tax reforms that would benefit the public.
- **Taxation and Budget Reform Commission** (moved by Commissioner Sorenson) - Urge the Sate Legislature to consider the results of the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission before making any further funding/tax adjustments.